

NEWS RELEASE: Consulate General of Japan in Collaboration with Marx Layne & Company

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**THE JAPAN FOUNDATION DONATES \$30,000 TO
SUPPORT JAPANESE LANGUAGE LEARNING PROGRAMS**

DETROIT, Mich. – July 14, 2015 – Kazuyuki Katayama, Ph.D, the Consul-General of Japan in Detroit announced that the Japan Foundation has made a \$30,000 donation to Niji-Iro Japanese Immersion Elementary School in Livonia, Michigan.

The donation was presented on July 8 by Mizuki Eguchi, public relations officer for the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit.

Niji-Iro is a Japanese-language immersion school for both Japanese and American students, who learn various subjects including global cultures, English and Japanese. It is operated by Livonia Public Schools.

The donation was given to support Japanese language instruction and tutors.

“We are proud to align with organizations like the Japan Foundation, which supports Japanese language and cultural instruction in the schools,” Consul-General Katayama said. “Promotion of Japanese cultural and language education is at the core of our mission, and we are pleased to do all we can for the schools and universities that have such excellent curricula.”

About the Consulate-General of Japan in Detroit

The Consulate-General of Japan in Detroit was established in 1993 by the Government of Japan to serve in the states of Michigan and Ohio. The Detroit office is one of 16 Japanese Consulates in the United States. The Consulate strives to promote better understanding of Japan and Japanese culture through educational and cultural programs. The office protects the interests of Japanese citizens and strengthens the Japan-U.S. alliance through furthering relations with local governments, companies, educational institutions, cultural organizations and the general public. For more information, visit www.detroit.us.emb-japan.go.jp/index.htm or call (313) 567-0120.

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